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Wabash County 4-H Fair schedule

- Friday, July 10: 10 a.m. – Horse and Pony Show.
- Sunday, July 12: 3:30 p.m. – Rabbit Show.
- Monday, July 13: 10 a.m. – Beef Show; and 3 p.m. – Poultry Show.
- Tuesday, July 14: 10 a.m. – Sheep Show; and noon – Meat Goat, Goat and Pygmy Goat shows, in that order.
- Wednesday, July 15: 1 p.m. – Dairy Show.
- Thursday, July 16: 10 a.m. Swine Show, beginning with showmanship.
- Saturday, July 18: 1 p.m. – Champion pictures; and 2:30 p.m. – Senior sweatshirt, Achievement and Parade of Champions.

Manchester University offers free, online pharmacy camp

Manchester University has moved its summer pharmacy camp online in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. High school and college students considering pharmacy as a career are invited to attend MU Virtual Pharmacy Week, July 14 to 17. It is free, and any student with an interest in the health sciences is welcome. The deadline to sign up is July 12. More information is available at www.manchester.edu/virtualpharmacyweek. For questions regarding MU Virtual Pharmacy Week, email pharmacy@manchester.edu.

Wabash Art Guild workshop planned

The Wabash Art Guild is

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Two North Manchester students graduate from Indiana Connections Academy

They were among the more than 750 students who made up the graduating class

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

More than 750 students recently graduated from Indiana Connections Academy as part of the Class of 2020, including Sarai Justice and Hailey Hall from North Manchester, according to Susan Decker.

"During the commencement, family members, friends, teachers and administrators were still able to gather in the digital setting to com-

memorate the milestone and celebrate the many achievements of the Class of 2020.

With the school's full-time virtual curriculum, seniors at Indiana Connections Academy were able to maintain their education consistently and without interruption during the public health crisis," said Decker.

Decker said the majority of graduates, 66 percent, plan to attend two- or four-year colleges or universities. Addi-

tional graduates have plans to attend vocational training programs (10 percent), join the military (2 percent) or enter the workforce directly upon graduation (18 percent).

Decker said with the ability to work anywhere there is an internet connection, students hail from small and large cities in Indiana – including Evansville, Fort Wayne, Franklin, Indianapolis, Martinsville, Shelbyville, South Bend and more. In total, during the last 10 years more than 3,000 students have now received a diploma from Indiana Connections Academy.

Decker said enrollment for Indiana Connection Academy's 2020-2021 school year is now open.

"Indiana Connections Academy is a K-12 virtual charter school authorized by Ball State University that offers students statewide a high-quality, highly accountable, tuition-free, public education option. Founded in 2010, Indiana Connections Academy delivers superior, personalized education for students, with the freedom and flexibility to experience our online learning community from anywhere. The

combination of state-certified teachers, a proven curriculum, technology tools and community experiences create a supportive and successful online learning opportunity for families and children who want an individualized approach to education," said Decker.

The complete graduation ceremony may be viewed online.

For more information, call 800-382-6010 or visit IndianaConnectionsAcademy.com.

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VirtuART expands to reach all ages



Photo by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Artist Candie Cooper will be one of the leaders of the VirtuART: Online Art Workshops.

Online art workshop seeks to engage a broader audience during pandemic

By ROB BURGESS
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

The Honeywell Foundation is set to begin a

series of online art workshops, which will allow students of all ages to participate online during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Morgan Ellis, public relations and marketing coordinator.

VirtuART: Online Art Workshops led by artists Candie Cooper and Hannah Burnworth offers three sets of classes available online. Each scheduled class features a different project and each time slot caters to

a different age group. Sessions will be recorded and accessible if participants are unable to attend on a specific date or time.

VirtuART classes will be hosted online via Zoom. A Zoom link and password will be provided to each participant the day before the workshop via the email provided.

Sessions are scheduled for:

■ Ages 4 to 8 from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Tuesdays, July 14, 21 and 28.

■ Ages 9 to 14 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, July 14, 21 and 28.

■ Adults ages 15 and up

from 1:45 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, July 14, 21 and 28.

Registration dates vary per session per age group.

"People of all ages may join VirtuART sessions hosted by nationally known artist, jewelry-maker, and author Candie Cooper and regionally known mixed-media artist and bookmaker Hannah Burnworth. Each group will complete themed projects tailored to their level of difficulty. These include 'Bugs,' 'Sculpture & Collage' and 'Bookmaking,'" said Ellis.

The cost is \$35 per class and \$105 for all three per

age group.

Registration includes an art supply box with everything needed to complete the project. Supplies can be picked up from the Honeywell Center at scheduled times the week before the workshop for free or they can be shipped for an additional \$14 per class (\$22 shipping for those who register for all three workshops).

Cooper designs jewelry and crafts, authors books, teaches creative classes all over the world, and has one of the highest-rated

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Duke Energy reports record number of scam attempts against its customers in June

Total 2020 number reported so far almost 2019's full-year total

STAFF REPORT

Scams targeting electric and natural gas customers are on the rise, with im-posters implementing new tactics during the pandemic to trick utility customers out of money and personal information, according to Lew Middleton, senior communications consultant.

June 2020 was the highest single month on record for reported scam attempts

targeting Duke Energy customers across the states it serves, hitting more than 4,000.

The total number of scam attempts reported by Duke Energy customers so far in 2020 – 15,000 – already is approaching 2019's full-year total of 18,000.

In Indiana, Duke Energy customers have reported more than 1,400 scam attempts in June, which is close to the total reports for all of 2019.

Scammers have added a new tactic, which promises to mail customers refund checks for overpayments on their accounts if they

can confirm their data, including birthdays and, in some cases, Social Security numbers.

Generally, Duke Energy will apply refunds as a credit to customers' accounts and will not contact customers to verify personal information by phone, email or in-person to mail a check.

Scam reports also indicate that phone scammers posing as utility providers continue to call and insist customers are delinquent on their bills. The scammer typically claims a service disconnection is pending, rigs caller ID to

mimic your utility provider and demands the money in the form of a prepaid debit card.

Duke Energy has currently suspended disconnections for nonpayment.

Common scam tactics include:

■ A call with a pre-recorded voice, often referred to as a robocall, with a caller ID display showing the customer's utility's name.

■ A mimicked Interactive Voice Response menu that customers typically hear when they call their

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Watershed Soundscape workshop to be held at Mississinewa Lake

Event set for Saturday, July 18, from 7 to 9 p.m.

STAFF REPORT

Join Kay Westhues for an evening "Listening to our Watershed Soundscape" workshop from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday, July 18 at Mississinewa Lake, according to Teresa Rody, interpretive naturalist.

The program begins with DNR's interpretive naturalist Cassie Kennedy's Sound Bites at 7 p.m. where participants will hear and learn about nature's sounds.

The workshop continues at 8 p.m. with Kay Westhues for an evening stroll and soundwalk at Mississinewa Lake's Miami State Recreation Area.

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VIRTUART

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arts-related Etsy shops online, [Etsy.com/Shop/CandieCooper](#). Cooper received her degrees in art education and fine arts from Purdue University, where she honed her skills in metalsmithing and jewelry-making. She spent some time in China and returned to Wabash where she began freelance designing for craft and hobbyist publications. Cooper has authored several books including "Necklaceology" and "Metalworking 101 for Beaders." Her specialty is creating accessible mixed-media jewelry and

she has never met a craft material she did not enjoy. Most days, Cooper is found on Facebook Live learning jewelry making and art workshops. Cooper also has a line of jewelry components in Hobby Lobby stores nationwide. More information about Candie Cooper can be found at [CandieCooper.com](#).

Burnworth likes to create all things paper. Her handmade books, playful sculptures, and hand-sewn collages of botanicals and creatures stand out on any wall. In her works, Burnworth brings together her love for texture, color, nature, and the beauty of everyday life. Burnworth received her Masters in

Art from Herron School of Design in 2011. Based in North Manchester, Burnworth creates her pieces under the brand Milk House Studio. Her works have been published regionally and internationally and was most recently published in The Stampington Press publication, "Sew Somerset" and the contemporary collage publication, "Making The Cut, Vol. 1." Burnworth's work can also be found in the September/October 2017 issue of "Cloth Paper Scissors."

To register, visit [HoneywellFoundation.org/art](#).

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SCAM

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utility.

■ Threats to disconnect the power or natural gas service to a customer's home or business within an hour.

■ Immediate payment demands by prepaid debit card.

■ And, with many utilities suspending non pay disconnections during the COVID-19 pandemic, scammers are now promising refund checks if the

customer makes a payment and the pending disconnect was an error.

Customers who suspect they have been victims of fraud or who feel threatened during contact with one of these scammers should:

■ Hang up the phone, especially if it's a robocall.

■ Call the utility provider by using the phone number provided on the bill or on the company's official website, followed by a call to the police.

■ Never purchase a prepaid debit card or gift

card to avoid service disconnection or shutoff. DO NOT pay over the phone if immediate payment is demanded by a prepaid card to avoid disconnection.

Legitimate utility companies do not specify how customers should make a bill payment, and they always offer a variety of ways to pay a bill, including accepting payments online, by phone, automatic bank draft, mail or in person.

For more information, visit [www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts](#).

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are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 15 over the previous day. Another 193 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 535,857 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 530,075 on Tuesday.

To find testing locations around the state, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](#) and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

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"We will listen and record the park's night sounds using provided digital recording equipment. The recorded sounds will be added to the World Listening Day sound-scape map that will be available online," said Rody.

World Listening Day is an annual global event started by the World Listening Project. On this date, soundwalks are held around the world to focus attention on improving listening skills and conserving our soundscapes.

Children under age 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

The class size is limited. Advance registration is required by calling 260-468-2127.

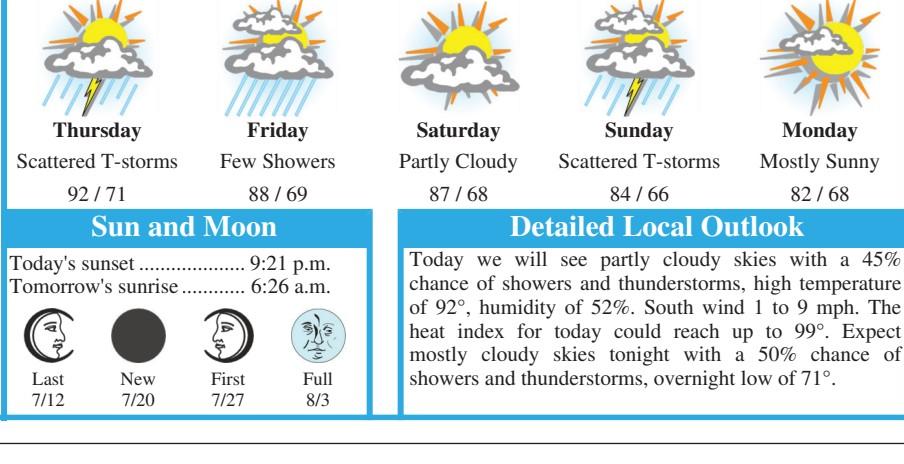
All supplies will be provided by the artist.

Kay Westhues is an artist, folklorist and educator. This is her second year bringing sound walks to the Arts in the Parks program.

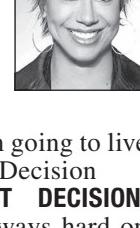
This is a free event made possible by the "Arts in the Park" grant through the IAC, ISPM and DNR.

Property entrance fees will apply.

For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov](#).

5-Day Weather Summary**College student must choose parent to live with****DEAR HARRIETTE:**

My parents are getting divorced. They announced it to me, their only child, after we were already hunkered down at their house during quarantine. Now I'm faced with a decision I don't need right now. My dad is moving out of our family home and into his own house. I love both my parents so much, and I don't want to pick sides in this fight. But I am now faced with having to make a decision as to where I will live. I am still in college, but I would have the summer off anyway.

Harriette Cole
Sense & Sensitivity

Because of the coronavirus, I don't have any idea when I will physically go back to school, so I will be living with my parents indefinitely. How do I decide who I am going to live with? – Split Decision

DEAR SPLIT DECISION:

Divorce is always hard on a family. Divorce in the midst of this pandemic exacerbates an already difficult situation. It is good that you do not want to take sides. Make that clear to your parents. Tell them how much you love them both and do not want to get caught up in their pain.

Realize, too, that you will need to figure out how to balance your time between them. At your age, you are in a position to choose where you want to live. Consider the classic relationship – splitting your time between the two of them. You may want to help your dad move out and into his new home, since that is a big job. That means in the early days, you may end up living with him as you help him set up his home. Ideally, you should set up a rotating schedule so that you manage expectations. Good luck.

DEAR HARRIETTE: My twin sister is always showing me up. When we were children, she was always the more vocal sister. She would often use my clothes without asking and steal my ideas. Though we are very close and I know that

she meant no harm when

we were kids, this pattern has continued in more subtle ways now that we are older. For example, she will usually choose where we go for our birthday celebration, which we enjoy doing together. She usually forgets the importance of my input in the decision. I've also seen trends like this seep into much more important decisions and family conflicts. We are home from college during quarantine, and now that we are older and spending so much time together, I feel like it's the perfect time to talk to her about how her actions sometimes hurt me. Is this really the right time, considering we're all locked up together? And how should I approach this? – Twin Time

DEAR TWIN TIME:

Now is the time for you to gather up your courage to stand up to your sister. You have allowed her to be the leader since you were children. She may not realize that you want to be more of an equal participant in your relationship. You need to tell her. Yes, use this time at home to have a serious conversation with her about your relationship – including how much you love each other and how important it is for you to have a voice. Be brave.

Harriette Cole is a lifestyle and founder of DREAMLEAPERS, an initiative to help people access and activate their dreams. You can send questions to askharriette@harriettecole.com or c/o Andrews McMeel Syndication, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

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READERS' CHOICE REPORTS**TUESDAY'S LOTTERIES**Cash 5
23-26-29-31-45

Estimated jackpot: \$115,000

Cash4Life
09-12-17-22-37,

Cash Ball: 1

Daily Three-Midday

1-9-2, SB: 4

Daily Three-Evening

9-2-9, SB: 6

Daily Four-Midday

3-1-5-5, SB: 4

Daily Four-Evening

3-4-1-0, SB: 6

Mega Millions

16-20-25-30-43, Mega Ball:

18, Megaplier: 3

Estimated jackpot:

\$73 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot:

\$69 million

WEDNESDAY'S METALS

Aluminum.....0.72

Copper.....2.77

Lead.....0.81

Zinc.....0.92

Gold.....1,806.99

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Vera Bondeline 'Bonnie' Traver

May 10, 1923 - July 7, 2020



Vera Bondeline "Bonnie" Traver, 97, of rural Warsaw, Indiana and formerly of Akron passed at 7:58 am, Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at her residence.

Bonnie was born on May 10, 1923 in Kokomo, Indiana to the late John B. and Catherine (Hurlock) Murphy. She married on Dec. 6, 1941 in Akron to Chester "Chet" W. Traver, he preceded her in death on March 10, 2004.

She was a homemaker. Bonnie loved her family and loved the Lord. She took great joy in going out to eat. She had a special great great niece Bailey Reed that was born on her birthday.

Survivor include sister DeLores Lawson, and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death

by brothers William, Charles, Lawrence, James, John Murphy Jr., and Lee and sisters Dorothy Sopher, Alice Tullis, Mildred Brown, Ethel Bishop, Mary Penn.

Funeral services will be at

11:00 am, Friday, July 10, 2020

at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron. Burial will follow in the Silver Creek Cemetery, Silver Lake, Indiana. For the health of all in attendance we encourage the public to wear masks.

Visitation will be 10 am to 11 am Friday, July 10, 2020 at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron, Indiana.

Donations can be made in her memory to the American Heart Association 3816 Paysphere Circle Chicago, IL 60674 or the Alzheimer's Association 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105.

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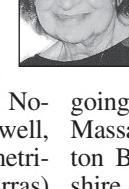
Catherine Giavis Gatzimos, 96, of rural Wabash, Indiana, died at 12:45 am, Monday, July 6, 2020 at Canterbury Nursing and Rehab in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She was born November 7, 1923 in Lowell, Massachusetts to Demetrios and Nicoleta (Karras) Giavis.

Catherine married Christos Gatzimos in Lowell, Massachusetts on July 31, 1949; he died January 30, 1999. She comes from a family of artists and has been interested in art since childhood. She attended the

Fine Arts and Printmaking programs at Indiana University-Purdue University in Fort Wayne, where she

Catherine Giavis Gatzimos

Nov 7, 1923 - July 6, 2020



earned several awards. She was a member of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Indianapolis. Catherine enjoyed going to Salisbury Beach in Massachusetts and Hampton Beach in New Hampshire. She especially loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Private services will be at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with David Phillips officiating. Burial will be in Hopewell Cemetery, Lagro. Friends may call 4-7 pm Friday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is American Heart Association.

The memorial guest book for Catherine may be signed at www.grandstaff-hentgen.com.

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set to host an acrylics-painting workshop featuring Terry Pulley on Thursday, July 9 at Wabash Christian Church, 110 W. Hill St. Set-up starts at 8:30 a.m. The class will begin at 9 a.m. with a break to eat a bring-your-own sack-lunch. The workshop will continue until about 3 p.m. For more information, call 574-453-6772 or email theartgiraffe@yahoo.com.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 14

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 at the Wabash County 4-H Fairgrounds, 660 Gillen Ave.

North Manchester Center for History open once again

The North Manchester Center for History has reopened once again and has been selected by Indiana Humanities to host a Smithsonian-curated traveling exhibit called "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" as part of the Museum on Main Street program. The exhibition, which examines the evolving landscape of rural America, is on display through Friday, July 17 at 122 E. Main St., North Manchester. For more information, visit <https://museumonmainstreet.org/content/crossroads> or <https://northmanchestercenterforhistory.org>.

Northfield, Southfield commencement ceremonies set

Northfield Jr./Sr. High School's graduation date has been set for 2 p.m. Sunday, July 19 in the gymnasium, 154 W. 200 North, and graduation practice for seniors has been set for 10 a.m. Saturday, July 18 at NHS. Commencement at Southwood High School will be at 5 p.m. Sunday, July 19 at Southwood's main gymnasium, 564 Indiana 124.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 21

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 21 at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day rescheduled for July 25

After being rescheduled for a second time, the Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day for Saturday, July 25. After a year at the Wabash Presbyterian Church, Pancake Day will return to the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue in Wabash. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities

for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at donnasciders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support. The event's Pancake Eating Contest, sponsored by Midwest Eye Consultants, will take place that day at noon. The Club's president, Mike Keaffaber, is the event's chairperson for 2020. Those who have questions or ideas regarding the event may email Keaffaber at keaffaberm@msdw.k12.in.us.

Volunteer Work Day scheduled at Salamonie

Volunteers are invited to join in a "Volunteer Work Day" to be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday, July 23 at the Salamonie Lake's Interpretive and Nature Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Projects may include repairs made to the shelter, raptor center;

weed, invasive species work;

and clean-up in areas of the center. Volunteers should be sure to wear appropriate shoes and clothing and bring refillable water bottles and bug spray.

Those who are under 12 years old should have an adult present. To register or for more information, call 260-486-2127.

30th Annual Wabash Co. Festivals Scholarship Pageant to be held July 24

The pageant will be held Friday, July 24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center.

Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St., Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked "Scholarship Pageant."

The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a nonprofit, therefore all donations are tax-deductible. For more information, visit the Wabash County Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wabashcountyfestivalsscholarshippageant, or contact any of the directors.

Wabash High School plans graduation, prom

Graduation has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, July 31 at Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. Prom has been scheduled for 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1 in front of Wabash High School, 580 N. Miami St.

Indiana 16 to close for pavement improvements

The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has closed Indiana 16 in both directions between Indiana 105 and County Line Road

for pavement improvements. During the closure, the official state highway detour will follow Indiana 105, Highway 24 and Indiana 13. Indiana 16 is expected to reopen by late July. Drivers should slow down and be alert for works crews in the area of the closure.

Clark Gallery to feature 2020 themed art exhibit

The Clark Gallery in the Honeywell Center will host its 2020 Themed Art Competition titled "Dreams" through Sunday, Aug. 16. Accepted and featured entries can be picked up after the exhibit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. For more information, visit HoneywellCenter.org/dreams.

'Liking for Biking' riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a "free, family-friendly" 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a "fun and engaging atmosphere." Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

Woman's Clubhouse hopes to pick up 2020-2021 schedule in August

Out of an abundance of caution, the Woman's Clubhouse will not meet for its final luncheon of the 2019-2020 season in June. The group will send the 2020-2021 program and luncheon schedule in August for the new year and they will vote on officers for the new calendar year in September.

Anyone who would like to nominate someone for an office should call Ellen Stouffer at 260-571-5339.

The group needs a volunteer to take over the membership organization.

Wabash City Schools delivers food Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays

■ 11 to 11:15 a.m. – Southside Firestation, 1470 Vernon St.; 1717 N. Wabash St. north of OJ Neighbors; and City Park, 800 W. Hill St.

■ 11:45 a.m. to noon – Friendship Hill Playground beside YMCA; 600 Manchester Ave. at the corner of Manchester Avenue and Michigan Street; and the church at 645 Bond St. at the corner of Bond Street and Falls Avenue.

■ 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. – Ivy Tech, 277 N. Thorn St.; Hannah Park on East Hill Street; and the church at 1206 N. Cass St. across from Arby's.

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association begins play

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association has begun play. This year, most Tuesdays will be a scramble event. Newcomers are welcome and there is a \$10 membership fee to cover various expenses. Call the clubhouse at 260-563-8663 by 9 a.m. Monday before to register.

Registration for annual Dam to Dam Century Ride and new triathlon now open

Visit Wabash County has announced registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)MAN! triathlon is now open. D!M! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride – Sunday, Sept. 13 – and will incorporate the newest and longest 150-mile bike route, plus a 3.1-mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however, participants can use promo code DMSAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time.

For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

Manchester University announces plan to open in fall 2020

In-person classes will begin Sept. 2. Like many schools, Manchester will move to remote teaching and learning after Thanksgiving. The semester will end Dec. 18.

Manchester University moves 2020 Commencement to fall

The dates for ceremonies at the North Manchester campus are Saturday, Oct. 17, Pharmacy Hooding Ceremony and Graduate and Professional Commencement (Doctorate in Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training and Master of Pharmacogenomics) at the Corder Auditorium; and Sunday, Oct. 18, Undergraduate and Master of Accountancy Commencement at the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC).

Hawkins Family Farm is hosting "Tailgating on the Farm" from 5 to 7 p.m. Fridays at 10373 N. 300 East,

North Manchester, diners will be able to order online or by phone their all-natural, locally-sourced artisan pizzas baked in an outdoor, wood-fired brick oven. Standard pizzas range from \$10 to \$20, payable by credit card or Apple Pay. All profits from Fridays on the Farm benefit HOPE CSA (Hands-On Pastoral Education using Clergy Sustaining Agriculture).

For more information, visit www.hawkinsfamilyfarm.com or www.hopecsa.org.

Hawkins Farms kicks off Pizza Fridays benefiting HOPE CSA

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk's Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. Guests can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizing station provided. Masks and gloves are recommended to be worn by shoppers. There is construction on Cass Street. Alternate routes on Carroll and Market Streets are available. Vendors are still being accepted for the full season, half-season and one-time rates. For more information, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

Laketon American Legion open

The Laketon American Legion is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays serving breakfast and lunch. On Saturdays, only breakfast will be served from 6 to 11 a.m. On Sundays, they are closed.

Editor's note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

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DAILY SCRIPTURE

"I am about to pour out my wrath on you and spend my anger against you; I will judge you according to your conduct and repay you for all your detestable practices."

Ezekiel 7:8

Trump's July Fourth speeches were an affront to the occasion

America was in serious need of a unifying message on the weekend it commemorated the Declaration of Independence. The nation was in a state of anxiety from a pandemic that has claimed 130,000 lives and is still surging, a reeling economy that threw millions out of work, and a reckoning of the racial injustices that were always there but raised in high relief by the killing of George Floyd in the custody of Minneapolis police.

What the country received in a pair of speeches by President Trump was the opposite of an assuring call to calm and coming together. His speeches against the backdrop of Mount Rushmore on Friday night, then on the White House grounds on Saturday, took aim at what he called a "new far-left fascism" from Americans who want to destroy their country.

He offered no acknowledgment of the deep-seated and deeply patriotic concerns of the many Americans who have protested peacefully or put Black Lives Matter signs in their storefronts or lawns or home windows out of a belief that our Founding Fathers' aspiration of equality remains an unfulfilled mission.

Trump made no distinction between the peaceful demonstrators and the lawlessness they have widely condemned. Nor did he distinguish between the

movement to remove statues commemorating Confederate traitors — many of which were erected as defiant symbols of white supremacy during the Jim Crow and Civil Rights eras — and the unseemly attacks by a few on monuments to flawed but important American heroes such as Ulysses S. Grant in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

Instead, Trump seemed to lump them together in a vitriol-laced attempt to pit Americans against Americans in a swath of sinister suspicion reminiscent of Sen. Joseph McCarthy's reckless crusade against Communism. Trump, as McCarthy in the 1950s or segregationist George Wallace in the 1960s and 1970s, cast himself as the true patriot, comparing himself to the American heroes who defeated Nazis, fascists, communists and terrorists.

"We are now in the process of defeating the radical left, the Marxists, the anarchists, the agitators, the looters and people who in many instances have absolutely no clue what they are doing," he said Saturday on the South Lawn of the White House.

His speech could not have been more out of step with the sentiment of Americans who are watching as coronavirus cases are increasing in multiple areas, especially states such as Arizona, Texas and Florida that

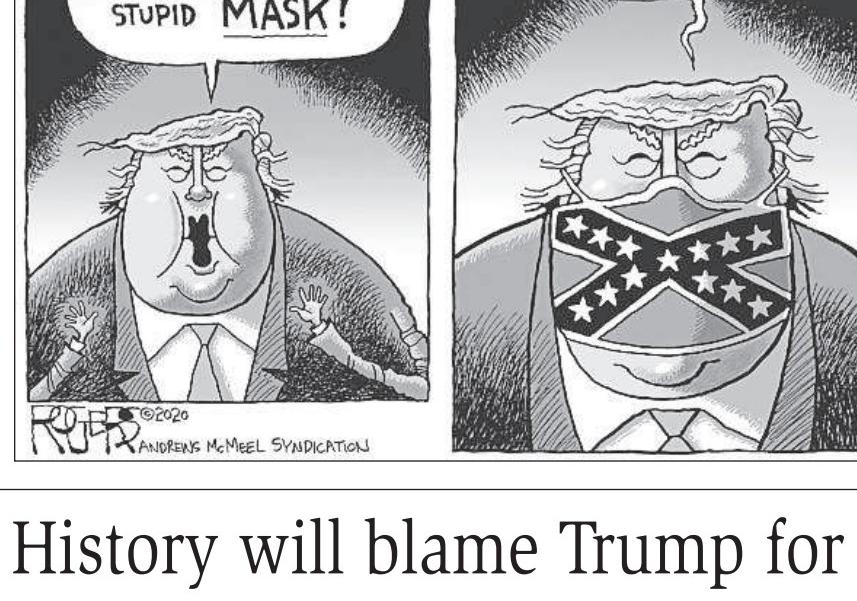
had been slow to heed the calls of health experts to take precautions. The president himself had been sending a miasma of mixed messages, refusing to wear a mask, suggesting remedies that ranged from the questionable (hydroxychloroquine) to the absurd (injecting Lysol or bleach) and downplaying or even distorting evidence of the state of the threat.

As in Trump's recent rallies in Tulsa, Okla., and Phoenix, attendees at the Fourth of July gatherings at Mount Rushmore and the White House were not required to wear masks or maintain social distance.

On Saturday, he repeated a false claim that the rising numbers were merely a reflection of increased testing; the percentage of positive results also is increasing. He also said that "99 percent" of the cases are "totally harmless." That is simply untrue. While the fatality rate is relatively low in the United States, many more people are suffering serious illness — and the long-term effects remain unknown.

The president loved to invoke the memories of the great Americans who created, defended or tried to perfect the spirit of 1776. Regrettably, his call to a culture war to divide us was an affront to their achievements.

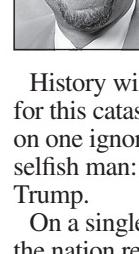
— This editorial was first published in the San Francisco Chronicle.



History will blame Trump for America's coronavirus catastrophe

The COVID-19 pandemic is getting worse in this country. As we prepared to celebrate Independence Day, we were forced to see the concept of American exceptionalism in a new and shameful light.

Eugene Robinson



In confronting this global menace, the United States is not first and best. We are much closer to last and worst.

History will place the blame for this catastrophe squarely on one ignorant, incompetent, selfish man: President Donald Trump.

On a single day last week, the nation recorded more than 50,000 new cases of the disease. Trump, for the umpteenth time, irresponsibly promised the disease will somehow just "disappear."

Governors who reopened their economies too quickly saw their state's hospital systems buckle under the strain. Some of them, including Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, scrambled to reimpose restrictions. Trump, by contrast, invited crowds to a Mt. Rushmore fireworks show, no masks or social distancing required.

Officials at all levels of government pleaded with the American people to wear masks. Trump still won't set an example by publicly wearing one, though finally he says he might, as long as it makes him look "like the Lone Ranger."

We are indeed fortunate that the daily death toll has not returned to the levels we saw two months ago, when the pandemic was raging out of control in the New York metropolitan area.

But U.S. COVID-19 deaths have stopped declining — we lose between 500 and 600 Americans to the disease each

day — and medical experts fear the number will soon begin to rise. We have already seen more cases and more deaths, by far, than any other nation on the planet. Rather than even make a serious attempt to banish this plague, we have invited it to settle in.

The European Union, which was ravaged by the pandemic, now is in a position to send children back to school and to ease travel restrictions to allow visitors from countries that have the pandemic under control. If you live in, say, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, Uruguay or Rwanda, you are most welcome to vacation in Europe. If you live in the United States, you are not.

It is clear at this point that we would have fared better with no president at all than the one we have.

From the beginning, Trump has not only failed to make Americans safer from COVID-19 but actively put all of us in greater peril. Any positive impact from the travel bans he implemented against visitors from China and Europe has long been nullified by his stubborn denial of even the most common-sense responses to the pandemic.

A good president, or even a mediocre one, would have believed world-renowned experts like Dr. Anthony Fauci when they warned that the first few cases of COVID-19 had the potential to mushroom into a global crisis. Any reasonably competent president would have seen the way the pandemic gripped northern Italy and resolved to take any available steps to avoid such devastation in the United States. Any president with an ounce of empathy or compassion would have realized that swift, bold, nationwide action, rather than a lackadaisical

federalist approach, was the only way to minimize suffering and death. Any president with rudimentary knowledge of science, or willingness to listen to his own top scientists, would have understood that the goal had to be to reduce infections, hospitalizations and deaths as close to zero as possible, then keep them there.

But we don't have even a mediocre president. We have

Trump, focused more on minimizing damage to the economy, and his reelection hopes, than on saving lives. Trump essentially abdicated federal leadership, diverting both responsibility and political exposure to governors, which was bound to create a loose patchwork of restrictions that gave the virus ample freedom to circulate. Then he hectored those governors to give their citizens "freedom" to congregate in ways that scientists knew were unsafe.

Now, Republican Govs. Abbott of Texas and Doug Ducey of Arizona — who listened to Trump and reopened too soon — are frantically trying to contain COVID outbreaks of their own creation. And who knows what

Gov. Ron DeSantis of Florida thinks he's doing in announcing that the state will not impose new lockdowns, even as Florida reported 10,000 new cases on Thursday.

The impact of COVID-19 in the United States was bound to be bad. No leader could have avoided that, given how infectious the coronavirus that causes it appears to be, and how long it was spreading while officials and citizens were largely unaware of the threat. But it didn't have to be the worst in the world. American exceptionalism under Trump, tragically, amounts to epic failure.

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And how are the children?

Africa's Masai warriors greet each other with the phrase "Kasserian Ingera," which translates to "And how are the children?" This greeting underscores the importance of children's well-being as a marker of success in their community. The traditional response translates to "All the children are well."

As we assess the ongoing COVID-19 response, reopening and recovery plans of our states, we need to move children to the top of the list of considerations. As clinicians, and as moms, we felt a huge sense of relief when early data suggested that the novel coronavirus was less severe in children and when we didn't see a large volume of critically ill children in our hospitals.

However, children are not completely immune from the physical, economic or social effects of COVID-19, and without specific attention and strategy, the well-being of kids will be the ultimate lagging indicator of our collective success or failure. The recent global demographic shift of infection to younger people indicates we may already be behind.

Even more profound are the social impacts children feel when fragile support systems are disrupted. This pandemic has put that fragility on full display. Dr. Sullivan was honored to testify at a recent congressional hearing about our state's efforts to support child care services during the pandemic to keep them available for essential workers while protecting children, families and child care employees.

At the Indiana Department of Child Services, though many of our services are occurring virtually during these challenging times, when a child's well-being is in question, we are there. If safety is in question, a family case manager visits that child in person to assess the situation and help ensure a safe environment.

DCS depends on the community to engage and support families, which is critical in keeping children safe. It is more important now than ever for the public to pay attention. Young children are unable to vocalize stress and anxiety and may manifest those feelings by acting out. This can push the best parenting skills to the limit and exhaust a caregiver's patience. It is critical to check in with extended family members who have children. Supporting the family is key to preventing child abuse and neglect.

Also, Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration is charged with supporting Hoosiers' mental health, and we are constantly evaluating the feedback from our programs and services. Last month we received this from our 2-1-1 call center:

People have always called us for help with basic needs like food and rent but now they call us sobbing. We have always received calls from individuals impacted by domestic violence calls but now we are talking to people while they are hiding in the bathroom with the abuser in another room. We have also seen a substantial increase in the number of people with mental health issues that were well managed or manageable before COVID-19. These aren't just crisis calls. They are calls from people experiencing trauma.

Hidden behind this message are the children who can't call 2-1-1.

Adverse childhood experiences are occurring right under our noses. ACEs are the negative events that can accumulate during childhood and subsequently affect development, personal risk behaviors, long-term health and even life expectancy. ACEs are tracked on a 10-point scale. Just four points indicate outcomes for children that, as adults, have the potential to change their futures, sometimes dramatically. Will "did you live through a pandemic?" become the 11th question in the ACEs assessment?

As we move into recovery, it's important for parents, caregivers, teachers and anyone else who interacts with kids to understand that all children, even in the best of circumstances, have been going through a traumatic time. But now, an understanding of ACEs is key for policymakers as well.

The prescription for ACEs is resilience. Resilience is built on multiple levels — personal, community and systemic. The question "How are the children?" should be ever-present as we continue planning, testing and reopening activities.

Here are some examples of how we can all make a difference:

- Sew or buy masks for a school or child care program
- Purchase cleaning supplies for your school or child care
- Drive your kids to school if you can so that others' kids can ride the bus
- Supervise safe walks to school in school districts that need it
- Donate food, time or money to a local food pantry
- Be a mentor in a child's life

Our charge now is to find our way to a place where our recovery from COVID includes a comprehensive plan to support our children and mitigates the effects of the experiences they had. Only then can we start to answer, "All the children are well."

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New feelings for longtime friend are not reciprocated

DEAR ABBY: My longtime friend "Bonnie" and I have been reconnecting during COVID, mostly via text and video chatting. She's recently moved back to my area (she's in the military), so we spent a weekend together helping her move in. It was exhausting and stressful, and her drinking concerned me. I know drinking is prevalent in the military, and as a relatively high-ranking officer, she's under a lot of pressure all the time. I'm more aware of it because my sister is a recovering addict.

Trump threatens to cut federal aid if schools don't reopen

By COLLIN BINKLEY

Associated Press

President Donald Trump on Wednesday threatened to withhold federal funding if America's schools don't reopen in the fall despite the coronavirus, and he lashed out at federal health officials over reopening guidelines that he complained are impractical and expensive.

As Trump increased his pressure on state and local officials, New York City announced that most of its students would return to classrooms only two or three days a week and would learn online in between. "Most schools will not be able to have all their kids in school at the same time," said Mayor Bill de Blasio.

Taking to Twitter before the New York announcement, Trump argued that countries including Germany, Denmark and Norway have reopened schools "with no problems."

Trump issued his threat to withhold funds from schools that do not reopen while repeating a political claim

that Democrats want to keep schools closed for election-year reasons and not because of any risks associated with the coronavirus.

"The Dems think it would be bad for them politically if U.S. schools open before the November Election," Trump said, "but is important for the children & families. May cut off funding if not open!"

He did not say what funding he would pull, but Vice President Mike Pence later suggested that future COVID-19 relief bills could be tied to reopening schools.

"As we work with Congress on the next round of state support, we're going to be looking for ways to give states a strong incentive and encouragement to get kids back in school," Pence said at a coronavirus task force briefing.

Trump's warning drew backlash from some governors who said he has no authority over schools' fall plans. New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat, said officials will reopen when it's safe to do so.

"School reopenings are a

state decision, period," he said at a news conference. "That is the law, and that is the way we are going to proceed. It's not up to the president of the United States."

Trump made his threat a day after launching an all-out effort pressing state and local officials to reopen the nation's schools and colleges this fall. At a White House event Tuesday, health and education officials argued that keeping students out for the fall semester would pose greater health risks than any tied to the coronavirus.

Among those pushing for a fall reopening was the chief of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. But Trump on Wednesday complained the agency's school opening guidelines were "very tough & expensive."

"While they want them open, they are asking schools to do very impractical things. I will be meeting with them!!!" Trump wrote.

The CDC's director, Dr. Robert Redfield, has emphasized that his agency's guidelines are only recom-

mendations

"I want to make it very clear that what is not the intent of CDC's guidelines is to be used as a rationale to keep schools closed," he said at Wednesday's coronavirus task force briefing, which was held at the Education Department.

The CDC's guidance recommends that students and teachers wear masks whenever feasible, spread out desks, stagger schedules, eat meals in classrooms instead of the cafeteria and add physical barriers between bathroom sinks.

Trump did not clarify which of the guidelines he opposed. Pence said revised guidelines would be coming out shortly but both he and Redfield sidestepped questions about whether they were being revised to address Trump's concerns.

At the briefing, and a day earlier in a call with the nation's governors, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos said anything less than a full reopening would be a failure for students and taxpayers. But some of the nation's

largest districts plan to bring back limited numbers of students for only a few days a week, saying it would be unsafe for all to return at once.

She singled out Virginia's Fairfax County Public Schools, which are asking families to decide between fully remote instruction or two days a week at school.

"A choice of two days per week in the classroom is not a choice at all," DeVos said, according to audio of the call with governors obtained by The Associated Press.

In announcing New York City's plan for in-person instruction two or three days a week, de Blasio said schools can't accommodate all their students at any one time while maintaining social distancing. The city's public school system, with 1.1 million students, is by far the nation's largest.

Trump said at the White House event on Tuesday, "We're very much going to put pressure on governors and everybody else to open the schools." He said that parents and children want schools to reopen and "it's

time to do it."

But the president of the nation's largest education union said Trump was more interested in scoring points for the November election than in keeping students safe.

"Trump has proven to be incapable of grasping that people are dying – that more than 130,000 Americans have already died," said Lily Eskelsen García, president of the National Education Association. "Educators want nothing more than to be back in classrooms and on college campuses with our students, but we must do it in a way that keeps students, educators and communities safe."

The American Academy of Pediatrics recently issued guidelines suggesting that schools aim to start the academic year with students "physically present in school." Keeping students at home can lead to social isolation, the organization said, and prevent schools from identifying learning deficits, abuse, depression and other issues.

Renters face financial cliff ahead; limited help available

By SARAH SKIDMORE SELL

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Renters are nearing the end of their financial rope.

People who rent have largely been able to survive the initial months of the pandemic helped by unemployment and federal relief checks. But the extra \$600 in unemployment benefits ceases at the end of July and local eviction moratoriums are expiring. There is no agreement between the White House and Congress on a second federal relief package.

More broadly, there are fewer supports in place for renters than for homeowners. And as a jump in virus cases in numerous states nationwide adds more uncertainty to the economy and job market, many who rent are facing a precarious future.

"It's an incredibly stressful situation for renters," said Bruce McClary, spokesman for the National Foundation for Credit Counseling, a nonprofit that works directly with consumers. "I don't know what lies in the road ahead."

Sam Moore knows this pressure all too well. Shortly after the stay-at-home orders hit in California, Moore and his four roommates who live in San Francisco's Treasure Island found themselves with no regular income. Only two of them received relief checks from the federal government, one was receiving unemployment and two are still waiting on it.

Ultimately, they had to decide whether to use the money they did have to cover rent or food; they chose to stop paying rent. The five eventually used a GoFundMe campaign to raise the roughly \$10,000 needed to pay the back rent for April through June plus the \$2,500 bill due for July.

The group, all in their early 20s, are looking for work but will have to move in with their families if they aren't able to find jobs and face eviction.

Rough time to rent

Renters already faced a dire situation before the pandemic hit, said Alexander Hermann, a researcher at

the Harvard Joint Center for Housing Studies.

The center reported in January that vacancy rates for rentals had hit the lowest level in decades, pushing up rent far faster than income. At last count, one in four renters spent more than half their income on housing.

Then came the pandemic, which hit renters particularly hard financially. U.S. Census data shows about 19 percent of renters were late or deferred their rent payments in May. And about 31 percent of renters surveyed in June said they have little to no confidence they will be able to pay next month's rent.

Renters tend to have lower incomes and to be more economically vulnerable than their homeowner counterparts. They also cannot tap into the equity in their homes as a line of credit in case of an emergency. A disproportionate number of renters are black, Hispanic and other minorities.

The COVID-19 Eviction Defense Project, a coalition of economic researchers and legal experts, estimates that 19 million to 23 million Americans are at risk for eviction by the end of September.

First steps

If possible, tenants should continue to pay rent. Reach out to your landlord or property owner if you are having financial difficulties to see if an agreement can be made. Some are willing to negotiate discounted or deferred payments.

If you live in federally-subsidized housing and your income has changed, you may qualify for a reduction in rent; contact your housing authority to talk about income recertification.

Renters should be sure to take advantage of other relief programs as well to free up cash. If they qualify for unemployment, apply as soon as possible as the process takes time. Banks have been willing to make some accommodations for credit card and other loan payments for those financially hurt by coronavirus.

Protections

A number of cities and states have put some assis-

tance programs in place, as well as moratoriums on evictions amid the pandemic.

See if you qualify for help. The National Low Income Housing Coalition has a list of state and local rent assistance programs on its website. United Way's 211.org website also has links to local charitable assistance for housing, food and other essentials.

Find out what local protections you have. The Eviction Lab maintains a list of local and regional actions to pause evictions of renters. Its policy scorecard provides useful detail on actions in your state.

There is also some protection for renters at the federal level.

Congress put a temporary nationwide eviction moratorium in place for renters who live in a federally subsidized building or one with a federally backed mortgage through July 25. Landlords cannot charge fees or penalties for nonpayment during this time as well. Tenants can search the Fannie Mae website or the Freddie Mac site to find out if their building is a federally backed mortgage.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has helpful information on its website as well.

Next steps

While you may get temporary relief from eviction, rent is still due.

Tenants may need to work out an arrangement to pay back rent or cope with potential eviction. They may want legal assistance through this process.

The Stanford Legal Design Lab along with Pew Charitable Trusts, has created a user-friendly website for tenants with questions about their legal rights or facing other rent issues as well. Just Shelter, a tenant advocacy group, also offers information on local and national organizations that can provide advice to renters in distress.

Renters can also find a certified housing counselor through the Department of Housing and Urban Development's website to see if they qualify for housing assistance or eviction issues.

international students will be forced to leave the U.S. or transfer to another college if their schools operate entirely online this fall. New visas will not be issued to students at those schools, and others at universities offering a mix of online and in-person classes will be barred from taking all of their classes online.

The guidance says international students won't be exempt even if an outbreak forces their schools online during the fall term.

The guidance was released the same day Harvard announced it would be keeping its classes online this fall. Harvard says the directive would prevent many of Harvard's 5,000 international students from remaining the U.S.

Harvard President Lawrence Bacow said the order came without notice and that its "cruelty" was surpassed only by its "recklessness."

"It appears that it was designed purposefully to place pressure on colleges and universities to open their on-campus classrooms for in-person instruction this fall, without regard to concerns for the health and safety of students, instructors, and other," Bacow said in a statement Wednesday.

Richmond removes Confederate Soldiers and Sailors statue

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) —

Work crews have taken down the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors statue, the sixth Confederate monument to be removed in Richmond amid national protests against police brutality and symbols many see as racist icons.

Crews arrived at about 7 a.m. Wednesday in the city's Libby Hill neighborhood to take down the monument, which towers 100 feet (30.5 meters) high and was installed

in 1894.

It depicts a Confederate soldier standing atop a pillar. The phrases "BLM" and "TAKE IT DOWN" were recently painted on the pavement that surrounds it, NBC 12 reported.

Richmond Mayor Levar Stoney, citing his emergency powers on July 1, ordered the removal of all city-owned

Confederate statues. A statue of Gen. J.E.B. Stuart was taken down by crews on Tuesday and four other monuments were removed last week.

Richmond's largest statue left standing is on state land — the massive monument to Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee. Its removal, under the orders of Gov. Ralph Northam, has been blocked at least temporarily by a court injunction.

These Confederate statues

were erected decades after the Civil War, during an era when Southern states were crushing attempts to achieve equality for Black people, and the "Lost Cause" movement was promoting the inaccurate idea that the South's rebellion was a fight solely for states rights and not slav-

ery. In Richmond, the first major monument — the Lee statue — was erected in 1890.

After years of little change, a growing number of these Confederate symbols are being removed, prompted by nationwide protests against police brutality and racism that appear to have inspired a profound shift in American thinking.

State and local governments have taken down monuments in response to impassioned demonstrators. And in a few cases, protesters have toppled the figures themselves.

Other statues that have been recently removed in Richmond, the one-time capital of the Confederacy, honor Gen. Stonewall Jackson and naval officer Matthew Fontaine Maury.

Facebook civil rights audit: 'Serious setbacks' mar progress

By BARBARA ORTUTAY

AP Technology Writer

A two-year audit of Facebook's civil rights record found "serious setbacks" that have marred the social network's progress on matters such as hate speech, misinformation and bias.

Facebook hired the audit's leader, former American Civil Liberties Union executive Laura Murphy, in May 2018 to assess its performance on vital social

issues. Its 100-page report released Wednesday outlines a "seesaw of progress and setbacks" at the company on everything from bias in Facebook's algorithms to its content moderation, advertising practices and treatment of voter suppression.

The audit recommends that Facebook build a "civil rights infrastructure" into every aspect of the company, as well as a "stronger interpretation" of existing voter suppression policies

and more concrete action on algorithmic bias. Those suggestions are not binding,

and there is no formal system in place to hold Facebook accountable for any of the audit's findings.

"While the audit process has been meaningful, and has led to some significant improvements in the platform, we have also watched the company make painful decisions over the last nine months with real world consequences that are serious

setbacks for civil rights," the audit report states.

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"When you elevate free expression as your highest value, other values take a back seat," Murphy told The Associated Press. The politician exemption, she said, "elevates the speech of people who are already powerful and disadvantages people who are not."

More than 900 companies have joined an advertising boycott of Facebook to protest its handling of hate speech and misinformation.

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Food

An ode to olives

By LYNDY BALSLEV

When the weather is hot, and it's too stifling to cook or move, this salty, briny olive concoction will hit the spot. It's called olivada. Similar to tapenade, minus the anchovies, the star ingredient is, you guessed it, olives – three kinds of olives, in fact. While using just one type of olive would be acceptable, a combination provides more complexity, yielding a balance of intensity, salt, bitterness and fruit. The simple list of ingredients rounds out with toasted pine nuts, garlic and lemon, winding up with a salty, sharp and addictive condiment that's surprisingly versatile. Simply spread olivada on baguette slices or crostini, or sprinkle it over salads, pasta and pizzas. It's also a delicious accompaniment or topping to grilled fish and vegetables.

The three types of olives in this recipe are my tried-and-true combination. If you know your olives, you might want to experiment with mixing different kinds, but I think you'll like the recipe with the following olives.

OIL-CURED OLIVES: Yes, you need these. You've likely seen

them – the inky, shriveled, prune-like olives, sometimes dusted with dried herbs and dry-packed. These wizened black olives are dry-cured in salt and then soaked in oil, which concentrates their flavor to a salty, bitter intensity. They add an essential concentrated olive flavor that anchors this recipe.

CASTELVETRANO OLIVES: At the other end of the olive spectrum is the Castelvetrano. If you are on the fence about eating olives, then this is the olive for you. These plump green olives are delightfully fruity, mildly salty and tame in flavor. They smooth out the intensity of the oil-cured olives and punctuate the olivada with speckles of bright green.

KALAMATA OLIVES: These medium-sized, purple-black, brine-cured olives are everyone's darling – pleasantly salty, meaty and fruity at once, yet never overpowering. They are delicious eaten on their own, strewn in salads, or folded into recipes requiring the subtle salty kick of olives. Kalamatas strike the middle ground in this recipe, binding the strength of the oil-cured olive to the

sweet and mild Castelvetrano.

Olivada

Active Time: 10 minutes

Total Time: 10 minutes

Yield: Makes about 1 3/4 cups

1/4 cup pine nuts

1 cup oil-cured olives, about 5 ounces, pitted

1 cup pitted Kalamata olives, about 4 ounces

1 cup pitted Castelvetrano olives, about 4 ounces

2 garlic cloves, chopped

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 teaspoon finely grated lemon zest

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Dry toast the pine nuts in a small skillet until golden brown. Transfer to a plate to cool.

Combine the pine nuts and all of the remaining ingredients in the bowl of a food processor. Pulse to finely chop, without making a paste.

Transfer the olivada to a glass jar or container and refrigerate for at least one hour to let the flavors develop. Serve at room temperature. Store the olivada in the refrigerator for up to 5 days (the flavors will mellow over time).



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Easy summer lasagna

By THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

1/2 tsp. ground nutmeg

1/2 tsp. garlic powder

4 cups low-sodium tomato sauce

1 lb. whole-wheat, no-boil lasagna noodles

3 cups part-skim mozzarella cheese

This hearty summer lasagna packs delicious roasted eggplant, zucchini and lycopene-rich tomatoes. Whole-wheat noodles contain cancer-fighting fiber and natural plant compounds, called phytochemicals, which protect cells from damage that may lead to cancer. This recipe serves 12, making it a good choice for pleasing a crowd or batch cooking.

Ingredients

2 eggplants (about 3 lbs.), quartered lengthwise

6 medium zucchini (about 3 lbs.)

Canola oil cooking spray

15 oz. low-fat ricotta or low-fat cottage cheese (or a combination of both)

2 eggs

1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

perature to 375 degrees F.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, mix together the ricotta and/or cottage cheeses, eggs, Parmesan, nutmeg and garlic powder.

To assemble: spread a thin layer of sauce over the bottom of the prepared pan. Cover with a layer of pasta. Spread 1/2 of the ricotta mixture on top of pasta. Sprinkle 1/4 of the mozzarella over the ricotta. Spoon 1/2 of the roasted vegetables on top. Top with 1/2 cup of tomato sauce and continue the assembly as directed until you have 4 layers of pasta and 3 layers of filling. Spread the remaining sauce on top and sprinkle with the remaining mozzarella cheese.

Directions

Preheat oven to 450 degrees F. Grease a 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan, set aside.

Slice the eggplant and zucchini in 1/2 -inch slices. Layer on two baking sheets and coat both sides of the vegetables with cooking spray. Roast for about 40 minutes.

Reduce the oven tem-

perature to 375 degrees F.

Meanwhile, in a medium bowl, mix together the ricotta and/or cottage cheeses, eggs, Parmesan, nutmeg and garlic powder.

To assemble: spread a thin layer of sauce over the bottom of the prepared pan. Cover with a layer of pasta. Spread 1/2 of the ricotta mixture on top of pasta. Sprinkle 1/4 of the mozzarella over the ricotta. Spoon 1/2 of the roasted vegetables on top. Top with 1/2 cup of tomato sauce and continue the assembly as directed until you have 4 layers of pasta and 3 layers of filling. Spread the remaining sauce on top and sprinkle with the remaining mozzarella cheese.

Cover the pan with aluminum foil and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover and continue to bake until golden and bubbly, about 15 minutes more. Let stand for 15 minutes before serving.

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Uber buys Postmates, ups delivery game in \$2.65B deal

By MATT OTT and CATHY BUSSEWITZ
Associated Press

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Uber has widened its reach in the fiercely competitive delivery market by acquiring Postmates in a \$2.65 billion all-stock deal, the company said Monday.

The acquisition enables the ride-hailing giant to increase its delivery offerings at a time when the global pandemic has suppressed customers' desire for rides while boosting home delivery needs. While Uber's meal delivery business, Uber Eats, has mostly focused on restaurants, Postmates delivers a wider array of goods including groceries, pharmacy items, alcoholic drinks and party supplies.

"The vision for us is to become an everyday service," said Dara Khosrowshahi, CEO of Uber, in a conference call with investors Monday. "Postmates is a great step along that vision. Anyplace you want to go, anything you want delivered to your home, Uber is going to be there with you, and we think these everyday frequent interactions create a habit, create a connection with customers."

Uber and its Uber Eats

food-delivery division will gain ground against DoorDash, which controls about 44 percent of the U.S. meal delivery market. That's compared with Uber Eats' 23 percent share before the Postmates deal.

Grubhub and its subsidiaries had just under 23 percent of the U.S. meal delivery market, according to May figures from Second Measure, a data analysis company. Postmates had about 8 percent of the market.

"We really believe that the market is much bigger than, let's say, the traditional delivery players," Khosrowshahi said. "We look at groceries as a category, there's a lot of hot food being delivered, we look at essentials as a category that we are going to go after as well."

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